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GARRETT WILLIAMS

## Loogootee senior named Wells Scholar

Loogootee High School senior, Garrett Williams, has been named as an Indiana University Wells Scholar. This award is not only one of the most prestigious offered by any university in the nation but is also one of the most valuable. The Wells Scholarship includes full tuition, room and board, and expenses to study abroad as an IU student. This scholarship will also grant Garrett access to many of the special guests and guest speakers that come to the IU campus.

The Wells Scholars Programs, created in honor of the late IU Chancellor Herman B Wells, ranks among the most competitive and prestigious awards offered by any American university. On his 90th birthday, Chancellor Wells was officially presented with the prestigious scholarship. (See 'SCHOLAR' on page two)

## Current filings for 2020 Primary

The 2020 Primary Election will be held May 5, 2020. Candidate filing began on January 8 and ends on February 7, 2020 at noon. You can file at the Martin County Clerk's Office.

The following are current candidate filings:

- Martin County Auditor  
Bobbie Abel (D)
- Martin County Coroner  
Tina Franklin (D)
- Martin County Recorder  
Rhonda Sanders (R)
- Martin County Surveyor  
No filings to date
- Martin County Treasurer  
Lori D. Carrico (R)
- Martin County Commissioner District 1  
No filings to date
- Martin County Commissioner District 3  
No filings to date
- Martin County Council At Large - (3) positions open  
Adam Greene (R)  
State Convention Delegates - Democrat (3); Republican (4)  
Gerald Montgomery (R)  
Leah Govea (R)
- Republican Precinct Committeemen - (1) each Precinct  
South Halbert - Gerald Montgomery (R)

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## Shoals Council discusses committees, road issues

The Shoals Town Council met Monday January 13. Those in attendance were Council Members Cecil Ragsdale, Cary Albright, and Clint Hoffman; Clerk-Treasurer Sierra Rutledge, SVFD Chief Jim Hamby, and Town Attorney David Lett. Others in attendance were Martin County Commissioners Paul George, Kevin Boyd and Aaron Summers; Martin County Highway Department Superintendent Leo Padgett, Martin County Highway Department Clerk Terri Alcorn, Tyler Atchison with DeWitt Insurance, Tim Hunt, with HWC Engineering; and Tim Kinder, with Martin County Alliance.

Council Member Ragsdale stated he wanted to recognize several volunteers that are currently working with the Town of Shoals. First was the Town of Shoals Comprehensive Planning Committee that consists of Liz Chattin, Dianna Ragsdale, Jim Force, Tim Kinder and Sherry Wade. Ragsdale stated the individuals are working hard to get things moving on this committee.

Ragsdale recognized the Town of Shoals Beautification Board that consists of Amber Hoffman who is president along with members Tania Brown and Christy Jenkins. Ragsdale stated the beautification board received \$1,570 in donations along with a grant from the Martin County Community Foundation for \$7,000 in efforts from their hard work.

Ragsdale recognized the Town of Shoals Park Board which consists of members Zack Brown - President, Chad Damon-Vice President, Audrey Gibson-Secretary, Sara Clark and Ann Stewart. The members along with former members John Ziegler and JJ Johnson received \$40,770 in grants in 2019 along with \$1,000 in donations from their hard work. The board has several items of revitalization coming up in 2020 at the ballpark.

Ragsdale stated he wanted to thank Shoals Volunteer Fire Chief Jim Hamby along with all of his volunteer members for the tremendous job they do for the residents and citizens for the Town of Shoals.

Tim Hunt, with HWC Engineering, came before the council to talk about the Community Crossings grant application the town will be submitting this round. Hunt stated he prepared pricing for the 2nd Street area with the local match portion for the town to be approximately \$44,000. The project details would be for 20-foot-wide with a two percent crown for water draining, road markings and inlets. Hunt stated he is hopeful awards would be announced around the end of March.

Hunt also provided an update on the master utility survey that HWC is currently handling. HWC is ready to present their findings to the town. A joint meeting was set up with the town and HWC for Friday, January 31 at 9 a.m. at the Town Hall.

Hunt then presented the contract for HWC for the 2020 calendar year for the CCMG consultant. Councilman Albright made a motion to accept the 2020 HWC Engineering contract in the amount of \$25,000 with Councilman Hoffman making the second. All were in favor.

Next on the agenda was the appoint-

ment for the town attorney for the 2020 year. Councilman Albright made a motion to appoint David Lett as the town attorney. Councilman Hoffman made a second and all were in favor.

Council Member Ragsdale stated a discussion needed to be had between the town and commissioners concerning the county highway department storage facility located in town. The access road coming off the lower part of Main Street is causing drainage issues for the areas below the road. The intersection at 8th and Main Street gets completely washed out during rain from water coming off the access road. Councilman Albright stated he also has concerns about the weight load amount of the trucks that are being driven on Main Street. Albright stated his concern was not the county trucks but possibly the delivery trucks. Ragsdale stated several water and sewer service line breaks have happened along that end of Main Street.

After discussion between all parties, Ragsdale stated the town would like to work with the county on a reasonable solution for all involved. Albright stated it is his understanding the town owns property that the county currently has buildings on but a lease between the two cannot be located anywhere. Attorney Lett stated he would do research in order to prepare the proper documentation needed between the town and the county.

Michael Jones, with Michaels Car Wash, submitted a letter requesting a sewer break for the 2020 year. Clerk-Treasurer Rutledge presented the board with a letter from Main Street Laundry requesting approval for their sewer break for 2020 as well. Rutledge stated the current break the two businesses are receiving is 50 percent. Councilman Albright made a motion to approve the sewer breaks for 2020. Councilman Ragsdale made a second and all were in favor.

Councilman Albright made a motion to declare the small red Chevrolet truck the town owns as surplus with Councilman Ragsdale making the second.

Clerk Treasurer Rutledge stated the master utility planning grant survey was 82 percent complete. Rutledge stated the grant total was \$50,000 with the grant portion being \$45,000 and the town's local match portion being \$5,000. Rutledge presented grant draw #1 in the amount of \$30,000 which will be paid to HWC. Councilman Albright made a motion to approve draw #1 with councilman Councilman Hoffman making the second. Rutledge stated she needed to create a fund to run the grant money through. Councilman Albright made a motion to create a fund named master utility grant with Councilman Hoffman making the second. (See 'SHOALS' on page two)

## Loogootee Library open house and ribbon cutting

The Loogootee Public Library will hold a ribbon cutting and open house at their new building on Sunday, January 26 from 1-3 p.m. The new library is located at 504 Park Street in Loogootee. Refreshments will be provided along with activities for children. The public is invited to attend.

## Multi-agency operation results in arrest of two wanted felons

At approximately 12 a.m. Thursday, January 16, Martin County Sheriff's Office Corporal Tyler Reed was on patrol in Loogootee when he observed a parked vehicle with out-of-county plates. Cpl. Reed recognized the plates from prior observations and knew the driver of the vehicle from those sightings to be Vincent M. Demoss, 36, of Ellettsville. Cpl. Reed also knew that Demoss frequently traveled with Brittany L. Johnson, 29, of Loogootee, and that Johnson had affiliations in Loogootee.

Cpl. Reed learned that both Demoss and Johnson had active felony warrants out of Morgan County for methamphetamine-related charges and identity deception, respectively. Cpl. Reed determined a possible location of the suspects.

Officers with Loogootee Police Department, ISP, and the Martin County Sheriff's Office then attempted to make contact at the residence where the wanted subjects were believed to have been but received no answer. Cpl. Reed, Loogootee Sgt. Jim Floyd, and Loogootee Chief Kelly Rayhill continued surveillance on the residence, until approximately 6:30 a.m., when Cpl. Reed observed a vehicle leave the residence and was able to confirm from the driver of the vehicle that Demoss and Johnson were in the residence as well as another adult and minor.

After learning there was a minor inside the residence, officers coordinated a safety plan that resulted in the minor and adult being removed from the residence prior to making entry.

Soon after, Troopers Lents and Miller from ISP and Major Keller, Sheriff Roush, and Chief Deputy Greene arrived to provide additional support and all officers made entry into the residence. Demoss and Johnson were located in the residence and taken into custody without incident.

All suspects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

## City police to tag abandoned vehicles

Per Indiana State Law 9-13-2-1 and City of Loogootee ordinance 1989-1, the city will begin to tag abandoned, unused and junked vehicles.

In accordance with both state law and city ordinance, a vehicle is determined to be abandoned if it falls under any of the following.

Mechanically inoperable (It cannot be started and legally driven, i.e. flat tires, broken windows, no battery, license plate is expired or has no plate.) Vehicles will be tagged along the city street and upon private property.

Vehicles can be deemed and construed to mean any and all motor vehicles.

Once a vehicle is tagged, owner will have 20 days to comply and make the vehicle usable or the vehicle will be towed off the property. Abandoned vehicles on private property can be entirely hid from public view.

# SHOALS

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man Hoffman making the second.

Rutledge then presented invoice 1 from SIDC in the amount of \$3,360 which is part of the local match of \$5,000. Councilman Albright made a motion to approve the SIDC invoice with Councilman Ragsdale making the second. All were in favor.

Clerk-Treasurer Rutledge presented the current workers compensation insurance policy renewal from Travelers Insurance along with a quote received from DeWitt Insurance that had been received. The quote from DeWitt Insurance came in at a lower rate than the current carrier. Councilman Albright made a motion to go with DeWitt Insurance for the renewal with Councilman Ragsdale making the second. All were in favor.

Council Member Ragsdale stated he currently serves on the White River Military Coordination Alliance Board but would like to appoint Vice President Cary D. Albright to take his place.

Tim Kinder, with Martin County Alliance, stated he would like to let the board know that the Martin County Quality of Place plan had been approved thru ROI (Regional Opportunity Initiatives). He stated that would mean that implementation grants can now be put into place. The plan can be found on the Martin County Alliance website. Kinder stated a town hall presentation on the document is planned for Saturday, January 25 at 10 a.m. with the location to be determined.

Shoals Fire Chief Jim Hamby stated he has received two certified letters from ISO (Insurance Services Office) stating they would be evaluating the Shoals Fire Department in April. Hamby stated there are currently three trucks in the fleet that are due for pump test and one truck that is due for a ladder test. Hamby presented a quote for a suction unit device that is needed for the rescue truck. Hamby stated he would like the back-up battery to be purchased with the unit making the total quote \$369. Councilman Albright made a motion to purchase the device with Councilman Hoffman making the second.

With no further business the meeting closed at 7:02 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 10 at 6 p.m.

# SCHOLAR

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arship program as a gift from his many friends and admirers. Since his death in the spring of 2000, this community of talented and dedicated young scholars has remained a permanent legacy of his educational vision.

Garrett is the son of Brian and Jennifer Williams. Garrett is the second student from Loogootee to receive this esteemed scholarship, following Brian Lannan who was awarded this scholarship in 1995. Garrett intends to study archaeology next year with other scholars in Indiana University's Hutton Honors College.



-Photo provided

Tony and Cindy Barber, from Washington, presented a program depicting the historical significance of the Round Barn on Highway 57, at the Retired Teacher Association meeting on January 10. They also included their family heritage concerning the barn. Shown are some of the artifacts they have collected over the years.

## Retired Teachers Association hold meeting

BY LINDA STROSNIDER

Daviess/Martin Retired Teachers Assn.

The Daviess/Martin Retired Teacher Association met for their business meeting at the Gasthof Restaurant on January 10. President Alice Jones led the membership and guests in the Pledge to the Flag. The minutes and treasurer's report were read and approved.

Chairman of the Volunteer Service Hours, Lawana Hand, collected records of monthly volunteer hours from the membership. She also distributed forms for the upcoming year.

Area Director, Dave Lennen, gave a report of state and district meetings. Patricia Whitcomb has been hired as the new Executive Director. Her term started November 4, 2019.

Magazines and books were collected to donate to the hospital for their library. The membership collected monetary donations for the Pennies from Heaven fund, which will be sent to the State Re-

tired Teachers Foundation. Treats were also collected for the Goody Bag project and will be distributed in March.

Tony and Cindy Barber presented a program about their family history of the Round Barn on Highway 57. They shared artifacts and pictures of the barn with the membership.

Alice Jones announced that Roberta Williams and Judy Myers, former teachers in the Daviess/Martin County area, had recently passed.

Members attending were: Aggie Cooper, Ken Macy, Marilyn Read, Janice Riley, Alana Thompson, Linda Britton, Alice Jones, Linda Strosnider, Dave Lennen, Ramona Lennen, Donna Keller, Vicky Bauernfiend, Nancy Adams, Lawana Hand, Jodi Lee, Arlene Owens, and guests Tony and Cindy Barber.

Door prize winners were Jodi Lee, Dave Lennen, and Nancy Adams.

The next meeting will be held March 13 at the Gasthof at 11:30 a.m. The meeting was adjourned for lunch.



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**ROSANNA WAGLER**

Rosanna Stoll Wagler passed away Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at Memorial Hospital and Health Center in Jasper. A resident of Odon, she was 83.

She was born April 20, 1936 in Daviess County, Indiana; daughter of Joel and Fannie (Graber) Stoll. Rosanna married Enos Wagler on January 1, 1959. She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

Rosanna was preceded in death by her parents, Joel and Fannie Stoll; one sister, Barbara Kemp, one grandson and one great-granddaughter.

She is survived by: her husband, Enos Wagler; five daughters, Delores (Glenn) Raber, Miriam (Titus) Raber, Viola (Mark) Raber, all of Montgomery; Barbara (Loren) Eicher of Loogootee and Fannie (John) Wittmer of Odon; two sons, Johnnie (Catherine Rose) Wagler and Ervin (Marla) Wagler of Odon; seven brothers, Amos (Katie) Stoll, John (Ida Mae) Stoll, Levi (Alice) Stoll, all of Odon, Nicholas (Naomi) Stoll of Montgomery, Joel (Caroline) Stoll, Jr., Martin (Josephine) Stoll and Stephen (Joann) Stoll, all of Loogootee; three sisters, Rachel (Joe) Graber of Montgomery, Katie (Cletus) Wagler of West Union, Ohio and Miriam (Henry) Raber of Hicksville, Ohio; 54 grandchildren and 76 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Friday, January 17 at Shiloh Community Building in Odon with Home Ministers officiating. Rossana was laid to rest in North Bogard Cemetery in Odon.

All arrangements have been entrusted to Meng Family Funeral Home in Odon.

**RITA ASH**

Rita L. Ash passed away at 2:35 a.m.



**RITA ASH**

Mary Elizabeth (Smith) Holland.

Rita married John Ash on June 19, 1948 and he preceded her in death on September 7, 1983.

She was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and a past member of the St. Mary Barr Township Altar Society. She enjoyed volunteering at St. Vincent De Paul and helped prepare funeral dinners for countless families.

Rita loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. She liked to square dance and was a part of a card club. While her health allowed, she enjoyed traveling and taking bus trips.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Ash; daughter, Linda Hays; son, Denny Ash; grandson, Dustin Ash; brother, Carol Holland; sister, Marg Ash.

Rita is survived by her children, Tom (Anita) Ash of Washington, Pat (Sue) Ash of Montgomery, Tim (Becky) Ash of Washington, Bill (Nancy) Ash of Cannelburg, Marijo (Charlie) Kane of Washington; 16 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; brothers, Dean (Shirley) Holland and Chris (Faye) Holland; sister-in-law, Linda Holland; daughter-in-law, Barb Ash and son-in-law, Warren Hays.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated by Very Rev. J. Kenneth Walker at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, January 25 at

Monday, January 20, 2020 at the Emerald Place in Washington. A resident of Loogootee, she was 89.

She was born February 20, 1930 in Washington; daughter of the late Roy Dean and

St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church. Burial will follow in St. Mary Catholic Cemetery.

Visitation will be held Saturday, January 25 from 9 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to St. Mary Catholic Cemetery.

Condolences may be made online at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com). Arrangements were provided by Blake Funeral Home in Loogootee.

**SHIRLEY DEAN**

Shirley Ann Dean passed away peacefully on January 19, 2020. A resident of Anderson, she was 80.



**SHIRLEY DEAN**

Shirley was born in Washington on April 15, 1939; daughter of William and Stella (Terrell) Stewart. She grew up in Shoals and loved Indiana basketball.

Shirley married Darrell L. Dean, minister, in 1964 and they raised two daughters, Tamara and Cheryl and one son, Stephen.

Shirley spent her early career working in a drapery factory with her mother in Loogootee. She served alongside her husband in various women's and children's ministries. She worked for Dillman Eye Care in Danville, Illinois, Belltone Hearing in Anderson and various other offices throughout her life. She loved serving her family, was meticulous at cleaning, loved selling jewelry, collecting plates and bells, baking cookies, and read thousands of books and magazines.

Survivors include two daughters, Tamara Danette (Gerry) Rolph and Cheryl Lynn Dean; granddaughter, Brooke Nicole Spicer and grand dog, Abby Grace.

Shirley is preceded in death by her parents, William C. Stewart and Stella M. Terrell Stewart; siblings, Juanita (Sue Kidwell), William J. Stewart, Hershall L. Stewart, Grace Irene Bell, Edith Stewart, and Margaret Stewart; her husband, Darrell Lee Dean, and son, Stephen Matthew Dean.

Services will be held on Friday, January 24 at 2 p.m. at Brown-Butz-Diedring Funeral Service & Crematory, 515 E. 53rd St., Anderson, IN 46013 with Pastor Kent Stookey officiating. Burial will be at Anderson Memorial Park Cemetery.

Visitation will be on Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer Association, [act.alz.org](http://act.alz.org).

**LARRY HARDING**

Larry Roger Harding age 81, of Shoals, passed away Friday, January 17, 2020 in Evansville. A resident of Shoals, he was 81.

He was born October 12, 1938 in Daviess County; son of Joseph E. and Lois E. (Earl) Harding. He married Shirley Cornett on September 1, 1957 and she survives.

Larry graduated Shoals High School in 1957, attended Northwood Institute and was a graduate of the Indiana School of

Mortuary Science in Indianapolis. He retired from Jefferson Trucking Co., was a member of Teamsters #135, served as coroner and county commissioner in Martin County, was a funeral director at Queen-Lee Funeral Home, and worked as a security guard at the French Lick Hotel. His memberships included the Eagles Lodge Aerie 2442, Martin County Historical Society, VFW Auxiliary, American Legion War Dads and the Eagle Scouts. He was also a fourth day member of the Southwest Indiana Walk to Emmaus.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley; four children, Teresa (Brian) Hewitt of Terre Haute, Tami (Chris) Jones of Loogootee, Todd Duvall Harding of Shoals, and Tawni (Brad) Ridgley of Wheatland; grandchildren, Matthew Jones, Joseph (Jennifer) Hewitt, Jordan Smith, Ashley (Brooks) Knight, Molly (Cory) Kassis, Summer Dreiman, Megan (Brandon) Wedding, Robert (Haley) Ridgley and Levi Steinman; great grandchildren, Mattyson, Mosby and Marly Jones; Ashlyn Dreiman; Jackson, Kinnley and Chase Wedding; Gannon and Emmalyn Ridgley; and Carter Lawrence Hewitt; and one sister, Pat (Gordon) Wade of Washington.

He is preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services were held this morning, Wednesday, January 22 at the Queen-Lee Chapel in Shoals with Pat Johnson officiating. Burial followed in the Spring Hill Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Martin County Humane Society or to the Martin County Historical Society.

The Queen-Lee Chapel of the Thorne-George Family Funeral Homes is in charge of the arrangements.

**JACK HARDWICK**

Jack Hardwick passed away at 11:52 p.m. Thursday, January 16, 2020 at Loogootee Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center. A resident of Loogootee, he was 85.

He was born July 18, 1934 in Loogootee; son of the late Marshall and Grace (Lindley) Hardwick.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Glenn, Dale, Shelby Hardwick; and sisters, Madge Reed, Louise Devillez and Jean Kee.

He is survived by his sisters, Ruby Ockerman and Marge Guth.

To honor Jack's wishes, no services will be held.

In lieu of flowers, a memorial donation can be made to Martin County Meals on Wheels.

Condolences may be made online at [www.blakefuneralhomes.com](http://www.blakefuneralhomes.com).

## Radius Indiana and Eleven Fifty Academy announce partnership for expanding Cybersecurity workforce

Radius Indiana and Eleven Fifty Academy announce the addition of Eleven Fifty Academy's Cybersecurity course to the WestGate@Crane Technology Park. Strategically located adjacent to Naval Support Activity Crane, the Cybersecurity classes offered will help meet the need for skilled Cybersecurity personnel in the region. Classes are expected to begin in March 2020.

As the regional economic development organization for an eight-county region in southern Indiana, which includes Crane, Radius Indiana has a strategic focus to help build and retain the talent needed to support the base and its growing technical workforce.

"In our region there is a surge in cybersecurity initiatives and opportunities," said Jeff Quyle, president and CEO of Radius Indiana. "This field is critical to national defense and we know that the demand for highly-skilled workers will continue to increase. We are pleased to see the region rally around Eleven Fifty as a vital training tool to develop the workforce for Crane and the area's defense contractors that carry out this very important work."

The Eleven Fifty Academy Cybersecurity course includes NET+ and SEC+ certifications that are internationally recognized. The Eleven Fifty Academy Cybersecurity program gives students real world experience on a cyber range with 14 hyper realistic cyber attack scenarios, which is a unique exposure to what companies battle each day.

"Cybersecurity is a gateway to transforming lives by rapidly ramping students into rewarding careers," says Scott A. Jones, Founder & President of Eleven

Fifty Academy. "We are grateful for the support of Radius Indiana and Crane, for the Westgate area and its surrounding infrastructure provides an ideal location to help Hoosiers enter the much-needed cybersecurity workforce."

"At NSWC Crane we have seen a significant growth in our Cybersecurity Workforce, which consists of both civilian personnel and contract team members. We are fortunate to have partners throughout our innovation ecosystem like Radius to bring mission relevant initiatives such as the Eleven Fifty Academy Cybersecurity program to our immediate region" says Dr. Kyle Werner, Director of Engagement for Naval Surface Warfare Center Crane (NSWC Crane).

Eleven Fifty Academy (EFA) has consistently been named by CourseReport as one of the Best Coding Bootcamps in the nation. The Academy, now in its 5th year, has graduated 504 entry-level developers to date, not including current enrollment, through their immersive learning experience. The average starting salary of their graduates is over \$55k, with some graduates, who had no prior software knowledge, earning over \$81,000 after only 12 weeks in the program.

Eleven Fifty Academy is a nonprofit organization focused upon high quality, immersive software development courses designed to accelerate the learning curve for people of all ages and skill sets. The mission of Eleven Fifty Academy is to build an ecosystem of coding talent that financially benefits the individual, their employer, and their community.

For more information, visit [elevenfifty.org](http://elevenfifty.org).

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## Martin County Sheriff's Department log

### MONDAY, JANUARY 13

1:33 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle in Shoals. Corporal Reed and Loogootee Sergeant Floyd responded.

5:40 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Loogootee on US 231. Corporal Reed responded.

5:43 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance, Loogootee Sergeant Floyd, and Martin County Coroner Franklin responded.

6:34 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident north of Loogootee on US 231. Corporal Reed responded.

9:43 a.m. - Received a report of a car in flood water east of Shoals. Major Keller responded.

12:55 p.m. - Deputy Wright performed a vehicle identification check in Shoals.

1:00 p.m. - Deputy Wright performed a vehicle identification check north of Shoals.

1:20 p.m. - Received a goat complaint near Loogootee. Deputy Wright responded.

1:30 p.m. - Received a report of a vehicle throwing trash out near Loogootee. Deputy Wright and Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

3:28 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill responded.

4:23 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Fire responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

5:16 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Shoals. Deputy Wright responded and all was secure.

6:33 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver on US 231 near Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

7:26 p.m. - Received a report of an altercation north of Shoals. Deputy Wright responded.

8:34 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Shoals Fire, and Loogootee Sergeant Floyd responded. No one was transported.

8:52 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident on US 50, west of Shoals. Corporal Reed and Loogootee Sergeant Floyd responded.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

2:24 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Daviess Community Hospital.

5:28 a.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Loogootee. Corporal Reed responded.

6:52 a.m. - Corporal Reed assisted a motorist with a vehicle unlock in Loogootee.

9:00 a.m. - Major Keller took three inmates to court.

9:35 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded and transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:00 a.m. - Major Keller took two inmates to court.

10:17 a.m. - Received a dog complaint in Crane. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

12:00 p.m. - Received a medical alarm call north of Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance responded but did not transport.

1:00 p.m. - Major Keller took three inmates to court.

2:00 p.m. - Received a report of a cow out east of Shoals. The owner was con-

tacted.

2:30 p.m. - Major Keller took three inmates to court.

3:52 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

4:20 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Loogootee. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

5:29 p.m. - Received a dog complaint in Shoals. Animal Control Officer Hughett was notified.

6:34 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

6:36 p.m. - Received a report of an accident east of Shoals on US 50. Deputy Wright and Town Marshal Eckert responded.

6:53 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

12:38 a.m. - Received a report of an altercation in Loogootee. Loogootee Sergeant Floyd, Corporal Reed, and Town Marshal Eckert responded.

5:06 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Shoals Fire and Martin County Ambulance responded. The subject was transported to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

9:15 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious vehicle north of Loogootee. Major Keller and ISP Trooper Beaver responded.

1:03 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:30 p.m. - Received a report of an accident near Shoals. Major Keller responded.

3:50 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

5:55 p.m. - Received a report of an attempted break in north of Shoals. Chief Deputy Greene, Deputy Wright and Deputy Wells responded.

6:35 p.m. - Loogootee Police responded to a disabled vehicle in Loogootee.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

6:49 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

6:56 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Shoals. Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department responded. Dubois County Emergency Medical Services and Martin County Ambulance transported one to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

10:00 a.m. - Received a request for assistance removing a subject from a residence in Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

12:18 p.m. - Received a report of a semi losing rock near Shoals causing damage to a vehicle. Major Keller and Deputy Wells responded.

12:46 p.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm north of Shoals. Major Keller and ISP Lents responded.

3:30 p.m. - Received a report of animal neglect in Loogootee. Advised Animal Control Officer Hughett.

3:35 p.m. - Received a report of harassing calls in Evansville from a Loogootee landline. Advised them of nuisance hotline number.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

2:10 a.m. - Received a request for an ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance and Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

4:15 a.m. - Received a report of loud music in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

6:30 a.m. - Received a report of a burglar alarm north of Loogootee. Spoke with business owners and all was okay.

7:40 a.m. - Received a report of a dead deer laying in the road south of Loogootee. Advised the state highway department.

8:27 a.m. - Received a report of a suspicious person in Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette, ISP Trooper Beaver and Major Keller responded.

12:30 p.m. - Received a report of a spam Social Security call. Advised caller to not give personal information over the phone to an unsure party.

12:38 p.m. - Received a report of check forgery in Shoals. Deputy Wells responded.

1:38 p.m. - Received a report of harassing calls and messages being made. Advised Martin County Sheriff's Office jail staff.

2:50 p.m. - Received a report of an accident in Shoals. ISP Beaver, Deputy Wells, Martin County Ambulance and Shoals Fire Department Responded.

9:34 p.m. - Received a report of a theft in Loogootee. Loogootee Police Department responded.

10:20 p.m. - Received a report of a juvenile acting out in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer McBeth responded.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

3:16 a.m. - Received a report of a motion alarm near Loogootee. Deputy Gibson and Deputy Seymour responded.

5:52 a.m. - Deputy Seymour assisted a person in Shoals with a lock out.

6:16 a.m. - Loogootee Captain Hennette responded to a person sleeping in a vehicle in Loogootee.

7:35 a.m. - Received a request for an officer in Shoals. Deputy Seymour, Deputy Wright and ISP Beaver responded.

11:33 a.m. - Received a report of an open door in Shoals. Deputy Wright responded.

12:00 p.m. - Received a report a car-deer accident south of Loogootee. Loogootee Captain Hennette responded.

1:34 p.m. - Received a report of an accident south of Loogootee. Deputy Wright, ISP Beaver, Martin County Ambulance and Haysville Volunteer Fire Department responded. Martin County Ambulance transported one to Jasper Memorial Hospital.

2:11 p.m. - Loogootee Captain Hennette performed a welfare check in Loogootee.

4:35 p.m. - Received a request for an ambulance near Shoals. Martin County Ambulance, Deputy Wells and Shoals Fire Department responded.

6:00 p.m. - Received an alarm call in Shoals. Deputy Gibson responded.

7:05 p.m. - Received a report of a reckless driver near Loogootee. Deputy Gibson and Loogootee Officer Cummings responded.

8:35 p.m. - Deputy Gibson assisted Lawrence County on a warrant.

9:10 p.m. - Loogootee Officer Cummings assisted a person in Loogootee with a ride.

10:37 p.m. - Deputy Wells responded to a suspicious vehicle in Shoals.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

5:42 a.m. - Received a report of a break-in in Loogootee. Deputy Seymour responded.

9:14 a.m. - Received a report of battery in Loogootee. Loogootee Chief Rayhill, ISP Trooper Beaver, and Deputy Wright responded.

9:17 a.m. - Received a request for an

ambulance in Loogootee. Martin County Ambulance transported the subject to Daviess Community Hospital.

1:22 p.m. - Deputy Wright performed a vehicle identification check south of Loogootee.

2:50 p.m. - Received a report of a car-deer accident near Shoals. ISP responded.

10:15 p.m. - Received a report of unauthorized entry in Loogootee. Loogootee Officer Cummings and Deputy Wells responded.

## ARRESTS

### MONDAY, JANUARY 13

2:05 p.m. - Larry Summers, 56, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Wright and charged with habitual traffic violator for life ban and is being held on a \$50,000 10% bond.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

4:07 p.m. - Storm Bradley, 19, of Shoals, was arrested by Deputy Wells and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of a controlled substance, operating while intoxicated endangerment, leaving the scene of an accident, and operating a vehicle without ever receiving a license. She is being held without bond. Assisting with the arrest were Major Keller, Chief Deputy Greene, ISP Trooper Beaver, and ISP Trooper Lents.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

8:12 a.m. - Brittany Johnson, 29, of Martinsville, was arrested by ISP Trooper Lents on a Morgan County warrant. She is currently being held without bond.

8:13 p.m. - Vincent Demoss, 36, of Ellettsville, was arrested by Chief Deputy Greene on a Morgan County warrant. He is currently being held without bond.

5:15 p.m. - Heather Ditton, 35, of Mitchell, was arrested by Deputy Wells on a Martin County warrant. She is currently being held without bond.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

1:52 p.m. - Johnathan Graham, 29, of Loogootee, was arrested by Deputy Wells on a Martin County warrant and is currently being held without bond.

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

7:50 a.m. - Kimberly Fisher, 42, of Shoals, was arrested by ISP Trooper Beaver and charged with misuse of 911, disorderly conduct, false informing and resisting law enforcement. She is being held without bond.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

12:10 p.m. - Jaime Kessler, 42, of Washington, was arrested by Deputy Wright and charged with driving while suspended prior and was released on her own recognizance.

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# COURT NEWS

## CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS AND SENTENCING

December 17

Dustin A. Cramer, convicted of invasion of privacy, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 125 days suspended and credit for 120 actual days previously served plus 120 Class A credit days. Defendant received 1 year of probation.

Joseph W. Pendley, convicted of residential entry, a Level 6 Felony and possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 Felony. Sentenced to serve 730 days with 320 days suspended and credit for 205 actual days previously served plus 205 Class A credit days. Defendant received 10 months of probation.

January 7

Demarcus A. Peterson, convicted of operating a vehicle while intoxicated endangering a person, a Class A Misdemeanor. Sentenced to serve 365 days with 355 days suspended and credit for 5 actual days previously served plus 5 Class A credit days. Defendant received 11 months of probation.

## CRIMINAL CHARGES DISMISSED

December 17

Joseph W. Pendley, possession of paraphernalia, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

January 6

Theodore J. Townsend, check deception, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

January 7

Demarcus A. Peterson, possession of marijuana, a Class B Misdemeanor, dismissed; operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance or its metabolite in the body, a Class C Misdemeanor, dismissed.

January 10

John D. Wagler, domestic battery, a Level 6 Felony, dismissed.

## CIVIL COURT New Suits Filed

January 2

Ashten L. Carnegie vs. Cody L. Carnegie, petition for dissolution of marriage.

January 14

Trinka S. Wildman vs. Brian D. Wildman, petition for dissolution of marriage.

## SMALL CLAIMS COURT

January 7

Isha Wright-Ryan vs. Logan Padgett, complaint.

January 8

Janice Norrell vs. Jacob Courter, complaint.

January 9

Isha Wright-Ryan vs. Travis Goen, complaint.

## SMALL CLAIMS JUDGMENTS

January 15

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Deanna R. Asbury in the amount of \$3,253.93.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Allison W. Baker in the amount of \$4,393.02.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Lucas W. Cain in the amount of \$5,182.44.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Gary B. Campbell in the amount of \$3,966.52.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Wade L. Hurdle, Jr. in the amount of \$1,000.25.

Judgment in favor of the plaintiff Hoosier Accounts Service and against the defendant Jonathon Jones in the amount of \$1,024.87.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

January 7

Delbert L. Salman Jr. of Shoals and Chasity N. Krodol of Shoals.

January 8

Ashley Helen Sue Ledbetter of Loogootee and Gary Wayne Cooper Jr. of Loogootee.

# Loogootee Police log

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

8:12 a.m. - Male came on station to report harassment.

3:28 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident at the BMV parking lot.

4:23 p.m. - First responders were requested on Cedar Street for a medical call.

6:33 p.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on US 231.

7:59 p.m. - Caller reported juveniles playing on the railroad ties.

8:02 p.m. - Caller reported someone burning trash near Park Street.

8:48 p.m. - Sgt. Floyd assisted the ambulance service.

9:00 p.m. - Sgt. Floyd assisted the county with a property damage accident.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

2:58 a.m. - Officer McBeth assisted the county with a property damage accident.

9:45 a.m. - Caller reported a reckless driver on Hwy 50.

5:14 p.m. - Male requested transient assistance.

6:35 p.m. - Sgt. Floyd responded to a business alarm.

6:53 p.m. - Caller reported a property damage accident in the CVS parking lot.

7:03 p.m. - Male reported a civil complaint.

9:11 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a male.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

12:38 a.m. - Female reported a dispute on Vincennes Street.

9:10 a.m. - Chief Rayhill assisted the county with a traffic stop.

3:30 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a juvenile.

5:22 p.m. - Male caller reported a theft.

5:48 p.m. - Male came on station to report a trespasser on his property.

6:34 p.m. - Caller reported a parking complaint.

9:10 p.m. - Officer McBeth responded to a business alarm.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

6:55 a.m. - Sgt. Floyd and Chief Rayhill assisted the county with serving a warrant.

11:56 a.m. - Male came on station for a vehicle identification check.

3:57 p.m. - Male reported harassing phone calls.

7:21 p.m. - Female reported a child custody matter.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

4:15 a.m. - Caller reported loud music on Park Street.

8:27 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious male on Broadway Street.

9:36 p.m. - Caller reported a theft from Marathon. Charges will be filed on three juveniles.

10:22 a.m. - Caller reported an unruly juvenile on SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

11:10 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 231.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

6:16 a.m. - Caller reported a suspicious female at Marathon.

12:02 p.m. - Caller reported a car/deer accident on US 231.

1:34 p.m. - Captain Hennette assisted the county with a traffic accident.

2:11 p.m. - Caller requested a welfare check on a female.

2:28 p.m. - Male reported a vehicle abandoned on his property.

7:10 p.m. - Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver on US 231. Officer Cummings located the vehicle and the driver checked okay.

8:25 p.m. - Officer Cummings assisted the county with serving a warrant.

10:56 p.m. - Female reported property damage.

11:04 p.m. - Caller requested extra patrol.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

9:14 a.m. - Caller reported a domestic dispute on SW 3<sup>rd</sup> Street.

11:30 a.m. - Caller reported an animal complaint.

4:38 p.m. - Caller reported a loose dog near Broadway Street.

5:34 p.m. - Officer Cummings responded to a business alarm.

10:34 p.m. - Caller reported a complaint in Shaded Estates

# Martin County real estate transfers

**Tamara L. (Dickens) Shurig**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Katie Lynne E. Pullis**, of Martin County, Indiana. Tract I: Lots Numbered 13, 14, 15, 16 in Block 7 in the Town of Burns City, Martin County, Indiana. Tract II: Lots Numbered 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 except 12 feet off of the north side of Lot Number 5 in Block 7 in the Town of Burns City, Martin County, Indiana.

**Weston Nathan Knisley and Krystle A. Knisley**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Kindra L. Cole**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southeast quarter of Section 9, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Martin County, Indiana, containing 2 acres, more or less.

**Roy E. Self and Linda S. Self**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Tyler White and Holly White**, Dubois County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 5.99 acres, more or less.

**Ann H. Ackerman and Eric J. Ackerman**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Eric J. Ackerman and Susan M. Ackerman**, of Martin County, Indiana, the north half of Lots 64 and 65 in Campbell and Breen Addition to the Town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Marie B. Hawkins and Rodney K. Wright**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Shawn G. Garcia and Emily S. Garcia**, of Kitsap County, Washington, part of the northwest quarter of Section 24, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, Second Principal Meridian, Center Civil Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 4.45 acres, more or less.

**Glenn L. Crim and Darlene K. Crim**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Teresa K. Haag and Leanne Love**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 30, Township 3 North, Range 4 West, containing 0.50 acre, more or less. Part of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 25, Township 3 North, Range 5 West, Second Principal Meridian, City of Loogootee, Martin County, Indiana, containing 0.49 acre, more or less.

**Roy E. Self and Linda S. Self**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Brian Self and Hope Self**, of Martin County, Indiana, a part of the southwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 13, Township 2 North, Range 3 West, Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana, containing 5.81 acres, more or less.

**Benoni W. Asdell**, of Hendricks County, Indiana to **Suzanaa E. Hatter**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lots Numbered 53 and 54 in Campbell and Breen's Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Benoni W. Asdell**, a/k/a B.W. Asdell, a/k/a Ben W. Asdell, of Hendricks County, Indiana to **Thomas R. VanHoy, Jr. and Amelia Sue VanHoy**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Numbered 55 in Campbell and Breen's Addition to the town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana. Also, Lot Numbered 63 in Campbell and Breen's Addition to the town, now City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Dallas Ray Wagler and Marsha Faye Wagler**, of Daviess County, Indiana to **Dennis L. Wagler and Elizabeth Wagler**, of Daviess County, Indiana. Tract I: The north half of the northeast quarter of the

southeast quarter Section 10, containing 20 acres, more or less. Tract II: The north half of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter Section 11, containing 20 acres, more or less.

**Christopher R. Stone**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Zachary A. Danielson**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Number 117 in the original Town of Crane, Martin County, Indiana.

**Joseph B. Dunn**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Martin E. Webster**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Numbered 13 in Block "E" of the Loogootee Land Company Addition to the City of Loogootee, Indiana.

**Colin Douglas Harney**, of Martin County, Indiana to **Louis S. Graber and Karen Rose Graber**, of Martin County, Indiana, Lot Numbered 8 in Doe Run Subdivision to Halbert Township, Martin County, Indiana.



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By Ann Ackerman



### THOUGHTS

\*When we're young, we sneak out of our house to go to parties. When we're old, we sneak out of parties to go home.

\*One minute you're young and wild... the next minute you get excited about air fryers and crock pots.

\*Me: I want to take a trip.

Bank Account: I highly suggest it to be a trip to work.

\*To everyone that received a book from me at Christmas, they're due back at the library next Friday.

\*Don't be worried about your smartphone and TV spying on you. Your vacuum cleaner has been gathering dirt on you for years.

\*I tried to say, "I'm a functional adult," but my phone changed it to "fictional adult," and I feel like that's more accurate.

\*Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.

\*I found that growing up in the sixties was a lot more fun than being in my sixties.

\*If you eat cake fast enough, your Fitbit will think you're walking.

\*They are giving away free money! It's at a place called "work." Just go there and follow simple instructions and get your own!

\*You can tell a lot about a woman by her hands. For instance, if they're around your throat, she's probably upset.

Two little boys were at a wedding when one of them leaned over and asked, "How many wives can a man have?"

His friend answered, "Sixteen - four better, four worse, four richer, and four poorer."

My son asked me, "Where does poo come from?"

I was a little uncomfortable but gave him an honest explanation.

He looked a little perplexed, and stared at me in stunned silence and asked, "And Tigger?"

### SERIOUSISMS

\*Be the person your dog thinks you are.

\*Do everything with a good heart and expect nothing in return and you will never be disappointed.

\*Do things for people not because of who they are or what they do in return, but because of why you are. -Mother Teresa

\*Just be a good person: Love who you can. Help where you can: Give what you can.

\*Until one has loved an animal, a part of one's soul remains unawakened. -Anatole France.

\*We are all haunted by the same two ghosts - the things we can't remember and the things we can't forget.

\*If I can make one person laugh long enough to forget their problems, then my day was not wasted.

\*Two things change you, and you are never the same - Love and Grief.

Make someone smile today!

## ANIMAL SHELTER Pet of the Week



**SPARKY is a male terrier mix, 1.5 years old, very sweet and playful. He is neutered and up to date on shots. Adoption fee is \$90. For info on all the dogs and cats at the Martin County Humane Society, visit [www.humanesocietyofmartin-county.org](http://www.humanesocietyofmartin-county.org).**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Democratic Party meeting

The Martin County Democratic Party will meet Tuesday, February 4 at 6 p.m. at Biggin's Pizza in Loogootee. Anyone wanting information on running for an office in the May primary should attend. This meeting is open to all Democrats. Any questions, feel free to call 812-639-8106.

### Shoals School Board meetings

The Shoals School Board will meet Wednesday, January 22 at 6 p.m. in the Mitchell Auditorium, along with the Mitchell and Orleans school boards. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the ROI grant and collaboration with Mitchell and Orleans schools. The meeting is open to the public.

### Food pantry hours

The Loogootee United Methodist Food Pantry will be open the first, second, third and fifth Thursdays of the month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and also the first Monday of the month from 5-6:30 p.m.

### Celebrate Recovery meetings

Celebrate Recovery meetings will be held every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Redemption Church in Loogootee. This is a Christ-centered recovery program and anyone is welcome to attend.

### Local recovery meetings

Wednesdays-Alcoholic Anonymous, Martin County Community Corrections Building at 8 p.m.; Thursdays-Narcotics Anonymous, Redemption Church Loogootee at 8 p.m.; Fridays-Alcoholic Anonymous, Loogootee Municipal Building Loogootee at 8 p.m.

### Free lunch for kids

New Beginnings Community Church will be offering a free lunch to all school age children every Saturday. Lunches can be picked up at the fellowship hall of the church, located at 105 Wood St, Loogootee no later than 10:30 a.m. Deliveries will begin between 10:30 and 11 a.m. Saturdays.

### SOAR Tutoring

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### Humane society meetings

The Martin County Humane Society meets quarterly, on the third Monday of

the month at 5:30 p.m. at the animal shelter at 507 N Oak Street in Loogootee.

### Solid waste board

The Martin County Solid Waste Board holds their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the recycling center located at 500 Industrial Park Drive in Loogootee. The meetings are open to the public and anyone is invited to attend.

### Soil and Water meetings

The Martin County SWCD meets the third Monday of the month at the SWCD office located at Martin County Learning Center. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays except Thursdays when it is closed. Visit [www.martinswcd.com](http://www.martinswcd.com) or call at 295-3149.

## Sixth grade Lions game wrap-ups

On December 7, the Loogootee Sixth Grade Boys' Basketball Team defeated North Daviess 30-28. Leading scorers were Cam Haywood with 19, Mason Britton and Emmett Graber had four apiece, and Joe Graber finished with two. On December 9, the Lions traveled to Washington to battle the Hatchets. They won by the score of 36-26. Leading scorer was Cam Haywood with 30, Mason Britton chipped in four, and Paxton Arvin added two.

Next the Lions defeated Holy Trinity by score 48-30. The scoring column was Cam Haywood 32, Paxton Arvin 5, Daniel Farhar 2, and Kylan Wolf 2. The next game the Lions beat Springs Valley 36-19. The scoring breakdown was Cam Haywood 20, Mason Britton and Joe Graber with six apiece, Paxton Arvin and Daniel Farhar added two apiece.

On December 19, the Lions crushed South Knox by a score of 44-21. The scoring column was Cam Haywood 18, Joe Graber 13, Paxton Arvin 9, Mason Britton 2, and Evan Williams 2. In the B game action, the Lions won 21-18. Leading scorer was Daniel Farhar with 13, Also scoring was Declen Todd 4, Wesley Kern 2, Seth Salmon 1, and Carter Walton 1.

Next the Loogootee Lions defeated traveled to Barr-Reeve. The Lions won by a count of 42-36. The Lions were led in scoring by Cam Haywood with 32, Paxton Arvin added six, Joe Graber and Mason Britton added two apiece. The Lions are 10-0.



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As I write this column, the temperatures are in the teens in my gardens. The ground is frozen and it is hard to imagine doing much gardening in such an environment. As I sat looking out the picture window in my living room, a robin visited the hay rack filled with holly and juniper boughs that is under the window. Many people believe that a robin is a sign of spring, but, in fact, robins often remain through the winter. They just do not seem to visit the bird feeders as much as some other birds. Still, seeing the robin so close was a bit of a thrill and he did make me think of the promise of spring on such a dreary winter day.

I recently attended a gathering of Optimist Club members from across the southern part of the state and found myself in the company of several other master gardeners. It occurred to me that all gardeners are optimists, although not all belong to that fine organization. When one plants a seed, one is optimistic that a certain plant will grow. If the seed is of a tomato, one believes that he or she will ultimately be rewarded with tasty tomatoes of that particular variety. Each and every seed holds a lot of promise. It is also optimism that causes a gardener of advanced years to plant a small tree, knowing full well that he or she will not likely live to see the mature result. Still, we do it, just for the thrill of watching it grow and as a gift to those who will be here long after we are gone. I hope that someone will be blessed by the trees I have planted as much as I have been by the maple trees my mother's brother planted here at Sandhill Gardens more than 90 years ago. Those trees have shaded my home since I was a child. Those trees have been a place to play and have given me a place to enjoy hostas, hellebores and other shade-loving plants. Uncle Bob just planted those trees because Dr. Miller had given them to him for having helped the doctor in his orchard. He could never have imagined what they would mean to me today. He did live to see them grow into great trees, since he was only a teenager when he planted them, but I am sure he had no idea they would provide so much enjoyment for so many people for so many years. I think of him often when I see those trees.

Every gardening season holds new promise for those who are optimistic. We know each season also will bring challenges, but we still plant the seeds and tend the plants, believing that beauty or food will result (sometimes both). As I sit here on a cold winter day, I plan for the coming garden season. I recently found some raised bed kits on a good clearance sale, so I purchased them and

have been planning where they will go. I also plan to use a gardening method about which I have read recently. These beds are about 30 inches tall, and I plan to use rotting logs to fill the bottom of the beds, placing some good topsoil and compost in the top six inches or so. This method is called Hugelkultur and has been pioneered in Germany. The articles claim that the decaying wood helps hold moisture in the bed, meaning the beds will not have to be watered as often. Do not use black walnut logs, which contain juglone and may kill some plant materials, or rot-resistant woods, such as cedar or redwood. You want the logs to decay over time, creating humus for the raised bed. You may use smaller twigs and leaves to fill in around the logs. The bed will settle over time, and more compost may have to be added each year to keep the soil level just below the top of the raised bed. My plan is to use these three new beds as a cutting garden to grow flowers for bouquets. Of course, I have looked through seed catalogues for the flowers I will plant in the beds. I will order seeds soon.

Winter dreams do not guarantee a great summer garden. Actually, I have already assembled one of the beds and I will be putting the others together and gathering the wood to fill them. There will be work in planting, watering and harvesting the flowers, but it is nice to be able to imagine such beauty on a cold January day. That is optimism.

## Indiana's new outdoor recreation five-year plan is available for public view

The latest in a long line of five-year plans to help determine the future public outdoor recreation needs of all Indiana residents and plan for that future is available from the Department of Natural Resources.

Just as similar organizations in other states, the Indiana DNR is required to create a comprehensive state-level outdoor recreation plan every five years. This planning process keeps Indiana eligible to obtain funds from the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) that DNR then re-grants to park boards in counties, townships, cities, and towns.

The new 140-page Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP), which covers 2016-2020 and includes the 2021-2025 Indiana Trails Plan, can be downloaded at [dnr.IN.gov/outdoor/4201.htm](http://dnr.IN.gov/outdoor/4201.htm). The site also includes information on how the study is done.

For more information, contact DNR Outdoor Recreation's Greg Beilfuss at 317-232-4071 or [gbeilfuss@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:gbeilfuss@dnr.IN.gov).

## Spring Mill to host 'Lincoln' and a Civil War battle

Spring Mill State Park will offer an event that explores the hardships winter presented for soldiers of the Civil War on February 8-9.

The Pioneer Village will be open from 11:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. each day with Abraham Lincoln (i.e., Danny Russell, [famoushoosier.com](http://famoushoosier.com)) giving a speech at 1:15 p.m. in the Grist Mill. A winter tactical battle reenactment will be presented at 2 p.m. on each day. At 1:45 p.m., after Lincoln's speech on each day, visitors will be directed to the viewing areas from where they can safely view the battle for possession of the village.

Both before and after the reenactment, visitors can tour the village and visit with Lincoln, talk to soldiers, and get warmed by the fires.

Park admission during the event is \$7 per vehicle for in-state residents and \$9 per vehicle for out-of-state residents. 2020 Annual Entrance Passes are also available.

Spring Mill State Park ([on.IN.gov/springmillsp](http://on.IN.gov/springmillsp)) is at 3333 State Road 60 East, Mitchell, 47446.

For more information on this and oth-

er upcoming Spring Mill events, contact Coletta Prewitt at 812-849-3534 or [springmillstatepark@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:springmillstatepark@dnr.IN.gov).

## Registration open for the Full Moon 5K at Patoka Lake

Registration is open for the Full Moon 5K taking place at Patoka Lake beach on Friday, June 5 at 9:15p.m. Race 3.1miles through the woods on roadways, a well-maintained gravel and grass lane and paved bike trail lit by moonlight and tiki torches. Race for a cause! All proceeds from this event will go to support Patoka's non-releasable raptors; a red-tailed hawk, eastern screech owl and bald eagle. Early registration is \$25 which includes a race t-shirt. Go to <http://fullmoon5K.itsyourrace.com> to register today! For more information or call (812) 685-2447.

If you are interested in sponsoring this event please contact the Race Director, Dana Reckelhoff at (812) 685-2447 or by email at [dreckelhoff@dnr.in.gov](mailto:dreckelhoff@dnr.in.gov).

Patoka Lake ([stateparks.IN.gov/2953.htm](http://stateparks.IN.gov/2953.htm)) is at 3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, IN 47513.

## January 22, 1973 - January 22, 2020

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In Memory of the Babies who have been killed by Abortion since the 1973 Supreme Court Decision Legalizing Abortion  
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We join our nation in mourning the deaths of millions of innocent lives lost to abortion. We acknowledge the pain and anguish suffered by the many mothers and fathers who now regret that fateful decision. We pray for their healing. We only wish that mothers coming into the abortion chambers could see the "window into the womb" so they could see and understand what they are carrying. If allowed this vision, we believe they would choose life - not abortion.

### How can you help in this battle against abortion?

1. Educate yourself on the abortion issue and what it is doing to our society.
2. Talk to your family members and friends and encourage them to support life and not abortion.
3. Support the Right to Life Movement financially and also with your time and talent.
4. Always vote pro-life, find out how the candidates stand on abortion before you vote, if not, you may be supporting abortion by your vote.
5. And finally, pray to end abortion.

Now is the time to support the efforts of the Right to Life Organizations in our area by renewing your membership or making a donation to help in this important mission. You should receive by mail a letter to renew your membership but, **If you did not receive a letter and wish to donate, mail your contribution to the address below.** The little ones are depending on us! Your support is greatly appreciated.

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